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SUBJECT: Comments on the Summer Intern Program 1970.

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I am very proud to have been a part of the Agency for the last two summers. The experience has been personally satisfying and I will always remember favorably my days here as a summer intern.

In critiquing this summer with the Agency there are four areas I would like to focus on:

1. Probably the most enjoyable aspect of the summer was the working atmosphere within my branch. The people in Western Hemisphere are exceedingly friendly and extremely competent. In addition to this there is a certain spirit in the branch which I have found sorely lacking in other branches. And so I leave with the feeling of having worked in a very fine place.
2. My project for the summer concerned Chilean inflation. This related closely to my academic work. As was to be expected, I found it a formidable challenge to make my academic training relevant to real world problems. But this challenge made the work that much more interesting.
3. I enjoyed the intern meetings first, because of their content and secondly, because it's nice to get out of the office occasionally. With respect to the former reason, the briefings provided a good balance between overview and specific information.

4. As was the case last summer, the administrative people of the OER were friendly, courteous, and helpful.

Before concluding my remarks I would like to offer three recommendations for your consideration.

1. The Agency really should provide more assistance in obtaining summer housing. This assistance could be given in two ways. First, the Agency could make available several apartments within bus distance of both the Agency and Washington D.C.. (The Rosslyn Area would be a convenient location). Secondly, the Agency could make it possible for the single interns to contact each other about rooming together. Finding someone to split the rent with is often more difficult than finding the housing itself.
2. Last summer I spent some time at the Agency for International Development and the Department of Defense.. I found these trips to other government agencies to be very enjoyable, and I believe that the other interns would find trips outside the Agency to be a worthwhile experience. Perhaps the Agency could arrange tours of the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and other government agencies which work closely with CIA.
3. I had a great deal of difficulty getting in touch with interns outside of OER. Perhaps the interns could be provided with a list of the other interns and their phone extensions.

In conclusion, I have greatly appreciated the first-class treatment the Agency has accorded its interns. I've met many other interns working at other government agencies. After talking with them I

feel very confident in saying that the Agency has the best intern  
program in Washington.